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SUBJECT : CANDIDATES NAMED FOR EIGHT OF SLOVENIA'S SENIOR POSTS

REF : A. ZAGREB 178; B. ZAGREB 636, 9/14/73; C. ZAGREB A-30,
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SUMMARY: CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION TO EIGHT OF SLOVENIA'S SENIOR POSTS PROPOSED MARCH 13 BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (EC) OF REPUBLICAN CONFERENCE (RC) OF SOCIALIST ALLIANCE WORKING PEOPLE OF SLOVENIA (SAWPS) AND "COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR PERSONNEL QUESTIONS" ASSOCIATED WITH RC OF SAWPS. ALL EIGHT ARE SLOVENES, SEVEN WERE PARTISANS, THEIR AVERAGE AGE 59. EDVARD KARDELJ, PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT YUGOSLAVIA'S NEW CONSTITUTION AND COUNTRY'S LEADING PARTY IDEOLOGUE, NAMED FOR SLOVENIA'S SEAT FEDERAL PRESIDENCY. SERGEJ KRAJGER, NOW PRESIDENT SLOVENIA'S ASSEMBLY, NOMINATED BECOME PRESIDENT SLOVENIA'S NINE-MAN PRESIDENCY WHICH WILL INCLUDE "EX OFFICIO" PRESIDENTS LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS SLOVENIA (LCS) AND SAWPS. WHILE NO NAMES MENTIONED CONNECTION "EX OFFICIO" SEATS, CANDIDATES FOR PRESIDENCY'S SEVEN ELECTED SEATS INCLUDE SENIORS IN SLOVENIA'S SOCIAL-POLITICAL, LEGISLATIVE, MEDIA, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL LIFE. CANDIDATES ALSO PROVIDE FAIR REPRESENTATION SLOVENIA'S REGIONS. END SUMMARY

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1. ON MARCH 13, SHORTLY FOLLOWING SOME SIMILAR NOMINATIONS

IN CROATIA (REF A), EC OF RC OF SAWPS AND "COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR PERSONNEL QUESTIONS" ASSOCIATED WITH RC OF SAWPS PROPOSED CANDIDATES FOR: SLOVENIA'S SEAT ON FEDERAL PRESIDENCY; AND PRESIDENT AND SIX OTHER ELECTED MEMBERS OF SLOVENIA'S PRESIDENCY.

2. FOR SLOVENIA'S SEAT ON FEDERAL PRESIDENCY: EDVARD KARDELJ, 64, FROM LJUBLJANA. SENIOR STATESMAN AND PARTY FIGURE, PRINCIPAL ARCHITECT OF YUGOSLAVIA'S NEW CONSTITUTION; PARTY'S LEADING IDEOLOGUE; MEMBER PRESIDUM LEAGUE OF COMMUNISTS OF YUGOSLAVIA (LCY).

3. FOR PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS SLOVENIA'S PRESIDENCY (PRESIDENT PLUS EIGHT MEMBERS, INCLUDING "EX OFFICIO" PRESIDENT CENTRAL COMMITTEE (CC) OF LCS AND PRESIDENT SAWPS).

A. AS PRESIDENT: SERGEJ KRAJGER, 58, FROM POSTOJNA. SENIOR FIGURE IN REPUBLIC'S SOCIAL-POLITICAL LIFE; PRESIDENT SLOVENIA'S ASSEMBLY; MEMBER PRESIDUM LCY.

B. AS MEMBER: ANTON BOLE, 58, FROM BLED. PROMINENT IN ECONOMIC LIFE OF YUGOSLAVIA AND SLOVENIA; NOW PRESIDENT ECONOMIC CHAMBER SLOVENIA'S ASSEMBLY AND DIRECTOR SOSTANJ THERMOELECTRIC PLANT (REF B).

C. AS MEMBER: ANICA (ANCKA) KUJAR, 52, FROM CERKNICA (MARIBOR DISTRICT). DEPUTY IN FEDERAL ASSEMBLY; LONG PROMINENT IN SOCIAL-POLITICAL LIFE OF MARIBOR DISTRICT.

D. AS MEMBER: JOZE LONCARIC, 44, FROM TRNICE (MARIBOR DISTRICT). DEPUTY IN FEDERAL ASSEMBLY. ACTIVE IN TU AFFAIRS; MEMBER PERMANENT CONFERENCE LCS.

E. AS MEMBER: VIDA TOMSIC, 61, FROM LJUBLJANA. LONG-TIME PUBLIC FIGURE; REPRESENTATIVE FROM SLOVENIA ON PRESIDENCY FEDERAL CONFERENCE SAWPY; MEMBER COUNCIL OF FEDERATION.

F. AS MEMBER: JOSIP VIDMAR, 79, FROM LJUBLJANA. PRESIDENT SLOVENIA'S ACADEMY OF SCIENCES AND ARTS; NOTED DRAMA CRITIC AND LECTURER; PROMINENT IN SLOVENIA'S AND YUGOSLAVIA'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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POLITICAL LIFE DURING 1942-55; MEMBER COUNCIL OF FEDERATION.

G. AS MEMBER: JANEZ VIPOTNIK, 57, FROM ZAGORJE OB SAVI (TRBOVLJE DISTRICT). GENERAL DIRECTOR RTV LJUBLJANA AND PRESIDENT COMMISSION FOR POLITICAL PROPAGANDA AND INFORMATIONAL ACTIVITIES OF CC OF LCS; FORMER EDITOR OF "DELO" AND FEDERAL SECRETARY FOR EDUCATION AND CULTURE.

4. COMMENT: NO NAMES PUBLICLY PROPOSED MARCH 13 CONNECTION "EX OFFICIO" SEATS ON SLOVENIA'S PRESIDENCY, BUT PRESIDENTS CC LCS AND SAWPS NOW SENIORS FRANC POPIT AND MITJA RIBICIC RESPECTIVELY. ELECTION OF SLOVENIA'S ASSEMBLY WILL ELECT REPRESENTATIVE TO FEDERAL PRESIDENCY IN MAY. OPCINA- (COUNTY) AND MUNICIPALITY-LEVEL ASSEMBLIES SCHEDULED CHOOSE ELECTED MEMBERS SLOVENIA'S ASSEMBLY ON APRIL 29.

5. ALL OF CANDIDATES EXCEPT JOZE LONCARIC, WHO WAS ONLY 15 AT CLOSE OF HOSTILITIES, WERE PARTISANS. THEY AVERAGE 59. TWO ARE WOMEN. CANDIDATES INCLUDE SENIORS IN SLOVENIA'S SOCIAL-POLITICAL, LEGISLATIVE, ECONOMIC, MEDIA, AND CULTURAL LIFE. THEY PROVIDE FAIR REPRESENTATION OF SLOVENIA'S REGIONS.

6. MAY BE NOTED CONNECTION SLOVENIA'S NEW PRESIDENCY, THAT SLOVENIA FIRST REPUBLIC TO HAVE ESTABLISHED PRESIDENCY. THIS DONE WITH ADOPTION REPUBLICAN CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS ON DEC 27, 1971 (REF C). HOWEVER, PRESIDENCY ESTABLISHED BY SLOVENIA'S NEW CONSTITUTION ORGANIZED QUITE DIFFERENTLY. LOCAL OBSERVERS CONSIDER IT EARLY TO PREDICT ROLE PRESIDENCIES WILL ACTUALLY PLAY. TIME AND EXPERIENCE WILL TELL.
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